

Joint Public Notice

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Please address all comments and inquiries to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District ATTN: Mr. Michael Hasty, CELRL-RDN, Rm 752 P.O. Box 59 Louisville, Kentucky 40201-0059

This notice announces an application submitted for a Department of the Army (DA) Permit, subject to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and for State Water Quality Certification pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Water Quality.

APPLICANT: Gibson Development, LLC

3200 East Haythorne Avenue

Dallas, Texas 75202

AGENT: American Structurepoint

7260 Shadeland Station

Indianapolis, Indiana 46256

LOCATION: Streams and wetlands within a 44-acre parcel

northwest of State Route 46 and New Margaret Drive

in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana.

Latitude: $39^{\circ}-26'-37''$ (N) Longitude: $87^{\circ}-20'-09''$ (W)

7.5 Minute Quad: SEELYVILLE, INDIANA

PURPOSE: Commercial development.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to construct a commercial development consisting of one (1) large 365,000 square foot building and seven (7) smaller outlot buildings (each to be approximately 5,400 square feet and 0.9 acre in size). Further, the development would include associated access roads, utilities, parking facilities and stormwater detention (see attached Figures 1, 2, and 3).

To facilitate this new development, the applicant proposes to impact approximately 268 linear feet of one (1) intermittent stream channel and 2.1 acres of four (4) emergent wetlands (see *Tables 1 and 2* on Page 2 of this notice for itemized proposed impacts to "waters of the United States (U.S.")). Under the proposal, these waters would be filled with approximately 10,850 cubic yards of clean earthen fill material excavated on-site.

Table 1: Proposed Wetland Impacts

| Water ID | Type Impact/A | Impact/Activity | Impacts | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|
| water in | | impact/Activity | Length (ft) | Area (ac) |
| Wetland A | Emergent | Fill/Structure | N/A | 0.123 |
| Wetland C | Emergent | Fill/Structure | N/A | 1.907 |
| Wetland E | Emergent | Fill/Structure | N/A | 0.006 |
| Wetland G | Emergent | Fill/Structure | N/A | 0.061 |
| Total Proposed Wetland Impacts: | | | | 2.1 |

Table 2: Proposed Stream Impacts

| Water ID | DDD Coore/Ouglity | Impact/Activity | Impacts | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|
| water ID | RBP Score/Quality | | Length (lf) | Area (ac) |
| UNT-3 (Intermittent) | Poor | Fill/Structure | 268 | 0.015 |
| Total Proposed Stream Impacts: | | | 268 | 0.015 |

AVOIDANCE and MINIMIZATION MEASURES: The applicant did consider design alternatives within the 44-acre parcel to reduce impacts. Specifically, by adjusting the original design layout, the applicant was able to avoid 0.256 acre of wetlands and 991 linear feet of stream channel.

MITIGATION MEASURES: The applicant proposes to provide compensation for the unavoidable wetland impacts associated with this project through the development of an off-site permittee responsible mitigation plan consisting of 4.139 acres of wetland creation and 0.110 acre of wetland enhancement. The proposed wetland mitigation site is located approximately 15 miles south of the proposed impact site. Both the impact site and the mitigation site are located within the Middle Wabash-Busseron Watershed (see Table 3 and Figures 3-6).

Table 3: Summary of Proposed Off-Site Permittee Responsible Mitigation Actions

| Water | Action | Impacts | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| vv ater | Action | Length (lf) | Area (ac) |
| Emergent Wetlands | Creation | NA | 4.139 |
| Emergent Wetlands | Enhancement | NA | 0.110 |
| Total Proposed Mitigation: | | | 4.249 |

In addition, the applicant proposes a monitoring plan with performance standards, a maintenance plan, a long term management plan, an adaptive management plan, a site protection instrument and financial assurances. Additional information on the details of the mitigation plan, or the proposal in general, may be obtained by request from this office.

It is noted that this proposed mitigation plan is open to comment and subject to change. The Corps will make a determination of appropriate mitigation, upon review of all submitted information.

REVIEW PROCEDURES: A DA Permit cannot be issued if any legally required Federal, State, or local authorization or certification is denied.

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A DA Permit, if otherwise warranted, will not be issued on this project until a State of Indiana Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is on file in this office or it is considered waived. This Public Notice may constitute the application for the 401 certification. The IDEM will review this proposal for compliance with the applicable provisions of Section 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307 of the CWA, including the state water quality standards currently set forth at 327 IAC 2. They will consider comments regarding this proposal postmarked by the closing date of this notice. Comments to IDEM should be addressed to: IDEM, Office of Water Quality, Section 401 WQC Program, 100 N. Senate Avenue Room N1255, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. The applicant is responsible for obtaining the certification from IDEM.

Copies of this notice are sent to the appropriate Federal and State Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Their views and comments are solicited in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1956. Based on available information, the proposed activity will not destroy or endanger any Federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitats, as identified under the Endangered Species Act, and therefore, initiation of formal consultation procedures with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not planned at this time.

The National Register of Historic Places has been examined, and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the Register which would be directly affected by the proposed work. If we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice, or by other means, of specific archaeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical sites or structures which might be affected by the proposed work, the District Engineer will immediately take the appropriate action necessary pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - Public Law 89-665 as amended (including Public Law 96-515).

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. A request for a public hearing must state the specific interest which might be damaged by issuance of the DA Permit.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetic values, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production, and in general, the needs and welfare of the public.

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The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. It is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Written statements received in this office on or before the closing date will become a part of the official record and will be considered in the determination on this permit request. Any objections which are received during this period will be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

Information pertaining to this application is available for public examination during normal business hours upon prior request. Drawings are available on Louisville District's Internet site at http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx. All comments regarding this proposal should be addressed to Mr. Michael Hasty, CELRL-RDN at the address noted above and should refer to the Public Notice Number LRL-2016-821-mdh.

If you desire to submit your comments by email, you must comply with the following:

a) In the subject line of your email, type in **ONLY** the Public Notice ID No. LRL-2016-821-mdh.

Example: LRL-2016-821-mdh (subject)

- b) Provide your physical mailing address and telephone number.
- c) Send your email to: lrl.regulatorypubliccomment@usace.army.mil.
- d) If you are sending attachments greater than 1 Mb in size with your email, you must send a hard copy (CD or paper) to the Corps' physical address as well.











